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SUBJ: DEPUTY SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENTS AFTER SECRETARY'S

BILATERALS JUNE 23

1. FOLLOWING ARE STATEMENTS GIVEN TO PRESS BY DEPUTY SPOKESMAN JUNE 23 AFTER SECRETARY'S MEETINGS WITH BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER (SIMONET) AND SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER (OREJA) AT OECD:

2. BELGIAN: "THE TWO MINISTERS TALKED ABOUT MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST. THEY DISCUSSED THE COMMON MARKET, WHOSE NEW PRESIDENT MR. SIMONET WILL BE AS OF JULY 1. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED A NUMBER OF BILATERAL MATTERS."

3. SPANIARD: "THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER PROVIDED THE SECRETARY WITH AN UPDATE ON THE RESULTS OF THE SPANISH ELECTIONS AND SPANISH PLANS TO DRAFT A CONSTITUTION: THEY ALSO DISCUSSED OTHER GENERAL FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS, INCLUDING THE MIDDLE EAST, NORTHERN AFRICA, THE SECRETARY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE RECENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE OAS, AND MRS. CARTER'S RECENT TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA."

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4. AFTER THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTER OWEN ON JUNE 23, THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS ISSUED JOINTLY BY THE SPOKESMEN FOR MR. OWEN AND MR. VANCE:

5. "THE TWO MINISTERS DISCUSSED SOUTHERN AFRICA,

PARTICULARLY RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA, AND REVIEWED THE CURRENT SITUATION WITH MESSRS. GRAHAM AND LOW. THIS IS PART OF THE CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS GOING ON BETWEEN THEM ON ALMOST A DAILY BASIS. RECENT EVENTS IN AND AROUND RHODESIA HAVE UNDERLINED THE URGENCY

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OF PRESSING ON WITH THE ANGLO-AMERICAN CONSULTATIONS. IT WAS AGREED THAT MESSRS. LOW AND GRAHAM WOULD RETURN TO THE AREA ON ABOUT THE 4TH OR 5TH OF JULY. THEY EXPECT TO MEET THE PATRIOTIC FRONT IN LUSAKA ON JULY 6."

6. (FYI, GRAHAM'S FULL NAME IS JOHN GRAHAM, UNDER SECRETARY IN CHARGE OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE IN LONDON. PATRIOTIC FRONT CONSISTS PRINCIPALLY OF JOSHUA NKOMO AND ROBERT MUGABE OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.)

7. AFTER HIS JUNE 24 MEETING WITH OWEN, SECRETARY PAUSED ON SIDEWALK OUTSIDE OECD AND RESPONDED AS FOLLOWS TO PRESS QUESTION ABOUT OWEN MEETING:

8. THE SECRETARY: WE HAD A CONVERSATION ABOUT THE SOUTHERN AFRICA QUESTIONS. WE COVERED BOTH THE ISSUES OF RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA. THIS IS PART OF CONTINUING CONSULTATION BETWEEN OURSELVES AND THE BRITISH WHICH GOES ON ALMOST ON A DAILY BASIS. DAVID AND I HAD AN

OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH MR. LOW AND MR. GRAHAM, WHO
HAVE BEEN ON THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP OPERATING IN THE
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RHODESIAN SITUATION, AND WE HAD A CHANCE TO MEET WITH
THEM AND GET WELL UP TO DATE AS TO WHAT'S GOING ON.

9. QUESTION: WHAT WOULD BE THE NEXT STEP, MR.
SECRETARY, IN RHODESIA?

10. THE SECRETARY: THE TWO OF THEM, MR. GRAHAM AND
MR. LOW, WILL BE GOING BACK DOWN TO THE AREA, I
BELIEVE IT'S ON THE FIFTH OR SIXTH OF JULY.
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